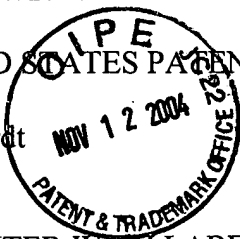


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Robert Ehrhardt
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For: LABEL PRINTER WITH LABEL EDGE DETECTOR

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Examiner: J. Huffman



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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 19, 2004, in which the Examiner has determined that the application includes six distinct species of detectors and two distinct species of printer types (i.e., thermal printer and thermal dye printer). The Examiner indicates that Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 25-28 and 32 are considered generic claims. The Examiner requests that Applicant select a specific species of sensor and printer for examination in case the generic claims are not found allowable.

In light of the above restriction, Applicant has chosen the embodiment of the sensor described in Figures 9A and 9B for further examination. Applicant has also selected the thermal dye printer category of printers. Claims directed to the selected sensor embodiment are 10, 11, 22, 23, and 33. Further, Claims 4 and 16 are directed to a thermal dye printer. As such, Applicant selects Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 13, 14, 22, 23, 25-28, 32, and 33 for further examination. Applicant notes here, however, that generic Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 25-28 and 32 are patentable and as such, requests that all of the claims be allowed.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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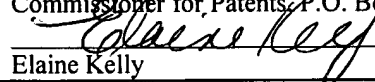
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